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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Barbara PODOBNIK et al. Group Art Unit: 1647

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Title: STABLE PHARMACEUTICAL

COMPOSITION COMPRISING GRANULOCYTE-COLONY STIMULATING FACTOR

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 10, 2007

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments to the claims of the present application be entered and the following remarks be considered.

The present response is believed to be timely filed, as it is being filed within six months of the mailing date of the outstanding Office Action. A request for three months extension of time for reply is hereby requested. Further, since the due date for response falls on Sunday, February 10, 2008, the present response is being filed on the next business day, Monday, February 11, 2008.